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Coffin Sees U2 Flight 'Lesson'

PORTLAND (AP) — The lesson to be learned from the U2 flight, Congressman Frank M. Coffin said Wednesday, is that "an effective surveillance program is not enough."

In a weekly newsletter to his constituents, the Democratic candidate for Governor said there must be effective coordination at all times among fact-gathering agencies, such as CIA, the policy-making bodies, such as the State and Defense departments, and those negotiating, acting or speaking for the nation, such as the President, Secretary of State or our representative at the UN and Geneva.

"If the U2 incident stimulates a bureaucratic breakthrough so that prompt and effective coordination of the facts, policies and actions can characterize our government's foreign relations, we may feel that it has been a lesson learned in time to avoid a much greater catastrophe," Coffin wrote.

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